

1 BILL NO. R-97- 07-13 (*as amended*) .

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3 RESOLUTION NO. R-46-97

4 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF
5 THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA REGARDING
6 SAFE STAFFING LEVELS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT
7 APPARATUSES.

8 WHEREAS, the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration
9 (OSHA) regulations affecting fire fighting operations found in 29 CFR 1910.120 and
10 29 CFR 1910.134 require:

11 1) Firefighters utilizing self-contained breathing apparatus in an
12 immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH) atmosphere, or in a
13 potential IDLH or unknown atmosphere shall operate in a buddy
14 system with two or more personnel.

15 2) Firefighters working in the buddy system shall be required to be in
16 direct voice or visual contact or tethered with a signal line.

17 3) Identically equipped and trained personnel are required to be
18 present outside the IDLH potentially IDLH, or unknown atmosphere
19 *prior to a team entering and during the team's work in a hazard area*
20 in order to account for and be available to assist or rescue members
21 of the team working in the hazard area.

22 4) *A minimum of four individuals is required*, consisting of two
23 individuals working as a team in the hazard area and two individuals
24 present outside this hazard area for assistance or rescue at
25 emergency operations where entry into the danger area is required;
26 and

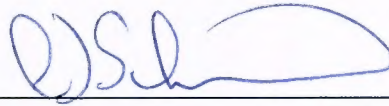
27 WHEREAS, these regulations were formulated both for the safety of the
28 firefighters engaged in the hazardous performance of their duties and the welfare
29 of the public, by providing safe and effective minimum fire ground staffing
30 requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is generally accepted by fire services authorities and
organizations across the country, that a minimum of four firefighters per apparatus
is necessary to satisfy the requirements of the regulations providing for the safety
of the firefighting personnel and to also effectively provide the services necessary
for the public's safety and to ensure appropriate and consistent levels of service
throughout the City of Fort Wayne; and

1 WHEREAS, without the minimum number of four firefighters manning the first
2 arriving apparatus, rescue and fire suppression operations must be delayed until the
3 arrival of additional resources, thus increasing the potential loss of lives and
4 property; and

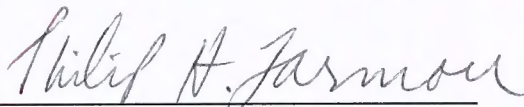
5 WHEREAS, the Common Council voted unanimously in 1996 to increase
6 funding in the Fire Department budget to facilitate the hiring of additional firefighters
7 and overtime as necessary to maintain manning levels of four personnel per
8 apparatus.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF
10 THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA THAT IT ENDORSES MINIMUM A GOAL
11 STAFFING LEVELS OF FOUR FIREFIGHTERS PER FORT WAYNE FIRE
12 DEPARTMENT PUMP, LADDER, AND RESCUE APPARATUSES.

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14 COUNCIL MEMBER

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16 APPROVED AS TO FORM
17 AND LEGALITY.

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20 Joseph G. Bonahoom/Philip H. Larmore
21 Legal Advisors to the
22 Fort Wayne Common Council
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Read the first time in full and on motion by Schmidt,
and duly adopted, read the second time by title and referred to the Committee on
Finance, (and the City Plan Commission for recommendation)
and Public Hearing to be held after due legal notice, at the Common Council Conference
Room 128, City-County Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on _____,
the _____ day of _____, 19____, at _____
o'clock _____ M., E.S.T.

DATED: 7-22-97

SANDRA E. KENNEDY, CITY CLERK

Read the third time in full and on motion by Schmidt,
and duly adopted, placed on its passage. PASSED LOST
by the following vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
TOTAL VOTES	<u>9</u>			
BENDER	<u>✓</u>			
CRAWFORD	<u>✓</u>			
EDMONDS	<u>✓</u>			
HALL	<u>✓</u>			
HAYHURST	<u>✓</u>			
HENRY	<u>✓</u>			
LUNSEY	<u>✓</u>			
RAVINE	<u>✓</u>			
SCHMIDT	<u>✓</u>			

DATED: 7-22-97

Sandra E. Kennedy
SANDRA E. KENNEDY, CITY CLERK

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana,
as (ANNEXATION) _____ (APPROPRIATION) _____ (GENERAL) _____ (SPECIAL) _____

(ZONING) _____ ORDINANCE _____ RESOLUTION NO. Q-46-97

on the 22nd day of July, 1997

ATTEST: Sandra E. Kennedy SEAL Thomas P. Henry
SANDRA E. KENNEDY, CITY CLERK PRESIDING OFFICER

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the
23rd day of July, 1997,
at the hour of 2:30 o'clock _____ M., E.S.T.

Sandra E. Kennedy
SANDRA E. KENNEDY, CITY CLERK

Approved and signed by me this 28th day
of July, 1997, at the hour of 12:30
o'clock _____ M., E.S.T.

Paul Helmke
PAUL HELMKE, MAYOR

BILL NO. R-97-07-13 *(as amended)*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DONALD J. SCHMIDT - JOHN N. CRAWFORD - CO-CHAIR
ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

WE, YOUR COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO WHOM WAS
REFERRED AN ~~(ORDINANCE)~~ *XXXXXXXXXX* (RESOLUTION) of the Common Council
of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana regarding safe staffing levels
of Fire Department Apparatuses

HAVE HAD SAID ~~(ORDINANCE)~~ *XXXXXXXXXX* (RESOLUTION) UNDER CONSIDERATION
AND BEG LEAVE TO REPORT BACK TO THE COMMON COUNCIL THAT SAID
~~(ORDINANCE)~~ *XXXXXXXXXX* (RESOLUTION)

DO PASS

DO NOT PASS

ABSTAIN

NO REC

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Deedie Hall

John N. Crawford

Alfred Davis

Thomas J. Kemp

William J. Jones

Wm. L. B. C.

Thomas J. Kemp

DATED: *7.22-97*

Sandra E. Kennedy
City Clerk